

## **North Laurieston Masterplan – Motion as adjusted approved.**

**16** Councillor Kelly, seconded by Councillor Belic, moved that:-

“Council welcomes the ongoing work on the North Laurieston Masterplan, undertaken by New Gorbals Housing Association (NGHA) on behalf of, and in conjunction with, Glasgow City Council. It also welcomes the expert input of specialists within structural engineering, traffic management and commercial property fields and those undertaking extensive community engagement.

Council believes the Masterplan can be the catalyst for a new future for Glasgow’s South Bank, bringing it together with ongoing City Centre regeneration and delivering the final stage of the wider regeneration of the Gorbals and Laurieston. It further recognises that the 35 year regeneration of Gorbals and Laurieston has required dedication, partnership and perseverance to overcome the scars of what Glasgow’s Place Commission called ‘shatter zones’ of post war urban planning and deindustrialisation.

Council proudly welcomes the recognition of Glasgow as an exemplar of sustainable housing, regeneration, community empowerment and living well locally by the United Nations and the critical role of the New Gorbals Regeneration in securing that status.

Council notes that the North Laurieston area comprises many of the elements which have hindered neighbourhood regeneration including: fragmented and absentee ownership; poor upkeep of listed and heritage buildings; general lack of care towards built heritage; failure to recognise, active travel, public transport and the primacy of people in planning; and a lack of ambition in returning the River Clyde to the centre of Glasgow life.

Council, however, further notes that the routes to overcoming such barriers can act as the catalyst for wider change, making North Laurieston an exemplar in how Local and National Government can leverage new and existing powers alongside immediate incentives and initiatives for housing associations, the private sector and other stakeholders. In doing so, Council believes North Laurieston can become a vibrant and modern waterfront community protective of its world-class built heritage and with additional housing capacity adjacent to the city centre and internationally recognised regeneration across Gorbals and Laurieston.

Council calls on the UK Government to address the VAT imbalance between renovation and new build projects. Council believes that the removal of VAT would support the preservation of heritage assets in the city and instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Financial Secretary to the Treasury detailing the impact this can have on the city, its heritage, ambitions and sustainability targets.

Council commits to developing an implementation plan to deliver on the ongoing Masterplan and to highlight this as an area of priority and opportunity with the Scottish and UK Governments and institutional investors.”

Bailie Siddique, seconded by Bailie Jenkins moved as an amendment that before the last paragraph, insert new paragraphs as follows:

"The Council must use its existing enforcement powers to prevent any further decay or demolition of listed buildings, including Compulsory Purchase and full recovery of costs for demolition of dangerous buildings. Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the First Minister to urgently give local authorities powers to order Compulsory Sales of vacant buildings.

Local residents and businesses will expect any implementation plan to be clear on resources. Glasgow City Council should lead the way by identifying potential resources to implement the master plan. This should also include consultation and co production with all stakeholders and should be presented at the Southside Central Area partnership and Council Administration Committee by 2025."

Councillor Gallagher, seconded by Bailie Wardrop moved as an amendment that:-

- (1) in paragraph five, after "...Gorbals and Laurieston.", add:

It is recognised that the creation of a Linear Park and a 5 year Arts Strategy will bring significant benefits to community wellbeing;

- (2) add new paragraph between existing paragraph five beginning "Council, however, further..." and paragraph six beginning "Council calls on...":

Council further notes that North Laurieston and other TRAs are an unparalleled opportunity to build sustainable communities for the future of Glasgow, with emphasis on a mix of affordable private and social housing for long-term residence and community building. The master planning of the area is ideal to implement progressive principles, of 15-minute neighbourhoods and feminist town planning, and to support active travel and public transit links; and

- (3) after existing paragraph seven beginning "Council commits to...", add new paragraph:

Council agrees to bring forward a detailed response to the recommendations of the Place Commission to the relevant policy committee within the next 6 months.

During the debate, Councillor Kelly, with the approval of his seconder, agreed to accept the amendments by Bailie Siddique and Councillor Gallagher resulting in the following adjusted motion.

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The motion, as adjusted was unanimously approved.

### **Adjournment.**

**17** In terms of Standing Order No 5 (12), the time being after 1630 hours, the Council agreed to adjourn the meeting, the remaining items of business being 9(e), 9(g) and 9(h).